

FISCAL NOTE

HB 197 - SB 1617

March 3, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Health to create a statewide birth defects registry to identify and research causes, risk factors, and preventative measures for birth defects. Provides criminal and civil immunity to hospitals, clinical laboratories, administrators, physicians, and employees of physicians that supply information to the registry. Information obtained from medical records would be confidential and the identity of the patient will not be disclosed. Creates a \$500 fine for misuse of the information. Authorizes the commissioner to appoint an advisory committee of up to 10 persons to help implement the registry.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

**Increase State Expenditures - \$512,000 Recurring
\$89,000 One-Time**

Increase State Revenues - Not Significant

Assumes a need for 8 positions and related expenses in the Department of Health to collect and analyze data for the registry. Some revenue may be collected from fines but the amount is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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